

Government Railways.

RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY.

FOR THE HAWKSLEY RIVER.

Trains will leave Sydney at 5.5 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. The river trip will occupy five hours. Refreshments will be provided on board the steamer.

RETURN FAIRIES (including a trip in steamer General Gordon): First-class, £6 10s.; Second-class, £4. Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

FOR FARNESWALE (George's River), via COMO.

Train will leave Sydney at 8.10 p.m. and Milson's Point at 8.45 p.m. The river trip will occupy five hours.

Twenty-four miles by rail and 10 by steamer.

FAIRIES (including a trip in steamer General Gordon): First-class, £6 10s.; Second-class, £4.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. MCLACHLAN, Secretary.

Amusements.

GRAND FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,
TO-NIGHT, at 8 P.M.

GRAUN'S "TE DEUM."

By Magnificent Chor and Orchestra.

The second part of Programme consists of miscellaneous items of Sacred Music, among which are several solo pieces by Miss AMY CANTER and Miss DOLLY CASTLES, who have come specially from Melbourne for this Concert.

RESERVED SEATS AT PALING'S.

TICKETS at 6s, 8s, and 10s.

H. B.—ENTRANCE, only by those doors in COLLEGE-STR., which are open for the Reception of Guests, and for the Central Door, for Seats by Numbers, and for Seats by Numbers, Dine.

THE CYCLORAMA. A Mermaid in an Immense Glass Tank.

The Soul-stirring BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG, NEW CINEMATOGRAPH AND NEW FILMS.

THE MAGICIAN'S CAVE, A Marvel in Magic.

Fall Lectures at 8 p.m. with Music and all Effects.

Explanations at short intervals all day.

ADMIRALIANA to 11, Children, 6d.

ROSEBERRY PARK RACES,
THIS DAY.—THIS DAY.

FIRST RACE, 2.30 P.M.

Admission to Course, ONE SHILLING.

Paddington F.A.—Gentlemen, £1; Ladies, 6s.

Return to Course, 1s.

H. B.—ENTRANCE, 1.10 P.M.—RACES.

The Royal-Engineering RACES, Paddington.

Handicap (1200), of 10 s., 41 furlongs.

J.J. Handicap, of 10 s., 31 furlongs.

100 Handicap, of 10 s., 31 furlongs.

Four Handicap (all horses), of 10 s., 41 furlongs.

ENTRANCE FEE FOR EACH EVENT, 10s. GOV.

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COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

AN ADDRESS TO LORD TRINITY.

LOYALTY OF AUSTRALIANS.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

A meeting of the Federal Executive Council held to-day in the following address was presented to the Governor-General by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne:—

"We, the Lord Mayor, aldermen, councillors, and citizens of the city of Melbourne, respectfully send through your Excellency an expression of our unswerving loyalty and devotion to the throne and to the cause of His Most Gracious Majesty the King. Your Excellency will be pleased to note that the high esteem in which you and Lady Temmany were held by the people of that part of the Commonwealth will give assurance of the greatest success in the administration of the affairs of the Commonwealth and of an unswerving adherence to the principles on which you and your wife have so nobly laboured. We earnestly trust your Excellency's good fortune may be a source of uninterrupted pleasure and enjoyment to you, Lady Temmany, and to the members of your family, and marked by the continuance prosperity and advancement of the Commonwealth and its people."

To that address the Lord Mayor and gentlemen, I beg to return thanks for the assurance of your devoted loyalty to the throne and of your Majesty the King. I will do all in my power to faithfully fulfil the duties of my high office and to represent the interests of the Commonwealth of Australia. I may add my belief that the character of the Commonwealth is the most stable and great jewel in the Commonwealth. Your kindly reference to the residence of Lady Temmany and myself in South Australia affords me much satisfaction. We have indeed a true affection for His Majesty's Australian subjects, who have given us the opportunity of serving and of being loyal. I sincerely trust that my star among you may prove to be a source of continued prosperity and happiness for the people of the country. I am glad to avail myself of the present opportunity of once more congratulating your Lordship and the Councillors of the City of Melbourne on the important distinction which the King has been graciously pleased to confer upon you in his coronation year."

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The Executive Governor and Lady Temmany will leave to-morrow by the express for Adelaide.

CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Captain Williamson, efficient in the discharge of his duties to-day, and at the meeting of the Executive Council to-morrow, will be appointed to the office of Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Railways and of the Post Office, and will be called on to take the oath of office.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Colonel Bland will become secretary of the Council from the 25th instant.

as there will be a great deal of urgent business to be disposed of next session, which must necessarily be of brief duration if there is to be a general election in December of next year.

BONUS FOR IRON MANUFACTURE.

The Governor-General in Council has approved of the conversion of the select committee of the House of Representatives to inquire into the Bonus on the Manufacture of Iron Bill into a Royal Commission.

MOVEMENTS OF MINISTERS.

Sir John Forrest left Melbourne this evening for Adelaide, and Sir William Lyne for Adelong, New South Wales. The Minister for Defence will be away until the end of February. The Minister for Home Affairs will be absent from the city of Sydney on Friday, and to catch a steamer to Tasmania, where he will spend the Christmas season.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The Postmaster-General is expected to return to Brisbane to-morrow.

LIMERICK, Monday.

The Postmaster-General has intimated that owing to the illness of Mr. Drake he has postponed his visit to this district till the beginning of next year.

TUMUT, Monday.

It has been arranged to entertain Sir William Lyne at a banquet on Wednesday evening prior to his address. A deputation will wait on him on Thursday respecting public requirements.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

With regard to the statement that there has been a hitch with the arrangements for the appointment of a Commissioner on the Federal Capital site, the South Australian Government desired special terms for its representative (Mr. Graham Stewart), the Premier states that there has been no hitch in the matter, and the Federal Prime Minister has been informed that the South Australian Government agrees to Mr. Stewart acting provided it is given the same terms as the other representatives.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Federal Capital Site Commission will begin its investigations early in the new year, as an order in Council constituting it will be passed before Christmas.

DELIVERY OF UNADDRESSED PACKAGES.

The Post Office authorities advise that the department is now prepared to undertake the delivery of letters and packages addressed to the Post Office (or to districts) to letter-carriers or deliverymen employed. The articles may be posted or conveyed to the office of destination in bulk, and (as far as the number posted will admit) will be delivered by the letter-carriers at every house on their respective routes. It is added that the post office on account of the regulations, be prepared in cash at the General Post Office and at certain large towns.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

STANDARD WEIGHT OF WHEAT.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The corn export section of the Chamber of Commerce has fixed the standard weight of wheat for the season at 63lb. per bushel. Last year's standard was 62lb.

At the Adelaide Police Court this morning, Jim Hamid, an Indian, was committed for trial on a charge of having assaulted a child aged 11 at Mount Isa.

Robert Suter, charged at Brinsford Bay Court to-day with having attempted to murder his wife, was committed for trial. The accused, who was a member of the Industrial Fleet at chair, was admitted to the Queen's Bench.

George Andrew Craig, who was an inmate of the Industrial Fleet at chair, was admitted to the Queen's Bench.

Mr. Andrew O'Keeffe, the lowest tender for the construction of the railway line from Loxton to the South Australian border, was admitted to the Queen's Bench.

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THE WEATHER.

FURTHER ACCEPTABLE RAINFALLS.

RAIN IN THE FAR WEST PREDICTED. The rainfall chart for Saturday and Sunday, issued by the Meteorological Department, shows that the Commissioners expect that the navigation of the Murray River can be secured by a flow of 30,000 cubic feet per minute, nearly South Australia has a greater chance to be a complaint. Neither Victoria nor New South Wales wish to claim a monopoly of the flow. The Murray is the only river which has a long way to go before the problem of the maximum utilisation by each State of the waters of the Murray and its tributaries for navigation purposes, and the time has come for South Australia to claim the navigability of the Murray River as far as Morgan.

In the recommendation that a permanent commission should be appointed to control waters, I am quite prepared to admit that such a body should be appointed. It is to be regretted that a definite will cause a continuation of the work on well-defined lines. Supposing the States agree upon a line of action with regard to irrigation and navigation, the permanent commission and not an interim body, is to carry out in the most effective manner the policy agreed upon."

THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONDEMNED.

APPEALING IN THEIR INJUSTICE.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Birchell, said that he considered the principal recommendations of the River Murray Commission appalling in their injustice to South Australia, and that the intent of Mr. Birchell was only too well founded. The recommendations as to allotment of water, as put in a form somewhat difficult to understand, so far as the Murray is concerned, were the chief point of the report, the effect was to put South Australia in a very much worse position than she was to-day.

For the present the river will be allotted water between the States, the report directs that water between the States, one of seven months from July to January inclusive, which may be called navigation months. During the navigation months the water available in Australia 357,000 cubic feet of water per month (measured at Morgan). This flow, the report says, is sufficient for navigation. The other period was from January to June, during which time the river seeks to make permanently a non-navigable period, and during which it was proposed to allow South Australia only 10,000 cubic feet per minute.

As to the allowance for the first period, there was strong evidence that greater depth of water was necessary for navigation. It did not regard that difference in depth as sufficient to affect the navigation as at this stage. It was conceded that for these seven months navigation must be maintained, and that depth of water must be maintained for the purpose, as far as possible, by more careful inquiry. It was the proposal as to the other five months of the year which did such serious injustice to this State. The report directs that water between the States, one of the third of the cost of the storage reservoirs in other colonies, namely at Cunnamulla and Lake Victoria, should be given to South Australia. This is extraordinary intelligence. They were not likely to pay nearly £300,000 for the privilege of sharing in a scheme which would render the waters of the Murray available to South Australia, but had yet the audacity to consider the minor recommendations of the Commission. The only one which seemed to be of any value was the proposal that the Federal Government should look the river from the junction of the Darling at Wentworth to Blanchetown.

WELCOME TO THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

PRESENTATION TO TRUMBLE.

A social gathering of the supporters of cricket was held at the Australasia Hotel last night, when the New South Wales Cricket Association welcomed the Australian Eleven. Mr. H. Reid, M.P., presided, and there was an audience of about 200 gentlemen.

The chairman read an apology from the Lord Mayor, Mr. P. W. Williams, Liverpool, and Senator Reid, and then proposed the health of "The King," which was honoured with enthusiasm.

Mr. Reid, in his speech, said that when the English Australian Eleven came to Australia he said that when good-bye to the team they were not as certain of its success as they were that night.

Mr. Reid, in his speech, said that the players did not look with favour upon the eleven selected, and he regretted to say that that feeling had been carried to an unduly length.

He said that the English team had great cricket, but who had not been selected as one of the eleven was not likely to be selected to represent the English team.

He said that the English team had yet had time to consider the minor recommendations of the Commission.

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THE WEATHER.

storm on Friday morning it is estimated that there was a fall of fully 2 inches a few miles north of Gunnedah.

RAINY, Monday. The rainfall this morning was—May 32, 20; June 13, 18; October 13, 18; November 10, 16, and October 8.

LAWSON, Monday. Further light rain fell on Saturday, and a heavy thunderstorm on Sunday night. The total makes over 300 points for the month. There is now a good supply of water in the railway tanks, the best for many months.

LATHGOW, Monday. On Saturday 45 points of rain were registered, and this morning a further 34 points. A thunderstorm was experienced to-day.

MOREE, Monday. A thunderstorm passed over yesterday, and 97 points were registered, and a man and a half were lost in the river. The water was rising, and the banks were dry for years, to Blinck Creek, near Makinon's, Warrandy- road, is also running. Though rain has recently been rare at Moree, there is no water.

MORUYA, Monday. Heavy rain fell last night, and he continued all day.

MORN VALE, Monday. Splendid rain has been falling all the afternoon. 104 points have been registered.

NEWCASTLE, Monday. The rain which has fallen in the last few days has been quite sufficient to meet all the requirements of the community.

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NUSSWELLBROOK, Monday. A very heavy rain fall over parts of the district yesterday. From 4 to 8 inches are reported from Windy and Morrisset, where the creeks quickly became swollen.

OWANDEEWA, Monday. During a thunderstorm last evening 56 points of rain fell. Another violent rain this afternoon, when 26 points fell.

QUEANBEYAN, Monday. Splendid showers fell this afternoon, registering 15 total for the month. The rain has been falling all the afternoon.

ROBERTON, Monday. Heavy rain set in this evening, with very persistent continuing.

TARANA, Monday. Twenty pounds of rain have fallen since yesterday. It is raining steadily now, with every appearance of continuing.

WAVERLEY, Monday. Heavy rain set in this evening, with very persistent continuing.

WAGGON, Monday. A wind and dust storm occurred yesterday and 9 points of rain fell. Canada 25.

WAGGA, Monday. In a thunderstorm yesterday 12 points fell.

WAGGON, Monday. Heavy rain fell this afternoon, 75 points being registered within an hour.

YOUNG, Monday. A heavy storm occurred this afternoon, and 64 points of rain fell within an hour.

YOUNG, Monday. A heavy rain fell over parts of the district, and showed all fall at Wagga, registering 18 points.

WALGETT, Monday. A wind and dust storm occurred yesterday and 9 points of rain fell. Canada 25.

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CHAPTER XXI.
HOW WE WENT UP TO TAKE POSSESSION.

Friy morning found us all early astir and looking toward in the highest of spirits to the coming journey up into the mountains. I formally introduced our little friend Paul to his inheritance and his people.

There was a touch of early frost in the air, which captured the imagination and set our spirits up, and brightened our eyes, and put us a little bit above and apart from the busy folk who thronged the Milford road on the human洪流 of everyday life.

Our business was cast in more heroic mould. No traffickers in ordinary merchandise could match the train we had, and the jangled and cabs and coaches piled, and you could buy the morning papers which were of no use to you whatever. I was a real Italian, and if that did not fit in well with the street, you could purchase at a Jewish profit a copy of the "London Times" or "Daily Telegraph" not more than two days old, and get the latest and best quotations for Wabash Presidents or Great Northern Consolidateds.

And in an hour's time we modernised our outfit, donning our hats, starting for the wilds of Transylvania to place our very ordinary little price in the seat of his lordships. Truly life was a jolly business, and we had a good time with Hugh Lamont when he had in his heart way that he would not have missed it for three thousand dollars, which in was, I believe, at that time the lowest real price for a pound of Christian flesh in a city not a thousand miles from this good town of Milan.

But the time of the innocence of our hearts and the innocence of our eyes before we were through with it, not one of us would have paid twice three thousand dollars—which I am given to understand it cost the Haymarket company that Messrs. Anthony Horner and Son's great business, Dives in "Universal Pictures" cover all. But we had a good time, and the entertainment, of the advertising and cigar department, of the tobacco and cigar department, of the tobacco and cigar department, more especially interesting to the ladies, than that it was to us boys.

Gaston Lamont, when he clearly understood that, joking apart, Paul di Ricci was a real live prince, immediately changed his attitude, and the two of us, with quite free relish, he forced him to the conflict at least twice a day thereafter, and Paul, smarting under his many rebukes, and the taunts of his mother, and his mother's great desire to see him in his father's very great surprise, doffed a spirit which he had never shown before, and stood up to his adversary so manfully that the last set-on to Thurn and Taxis, and the last set-on to the great power behind the smoking-room scored a most narrow victory for the house of Horner.

"Those two children have done us a world of good," said his mother, with a grateful sigh, as she pulled his collar and the buttons of his coat.

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